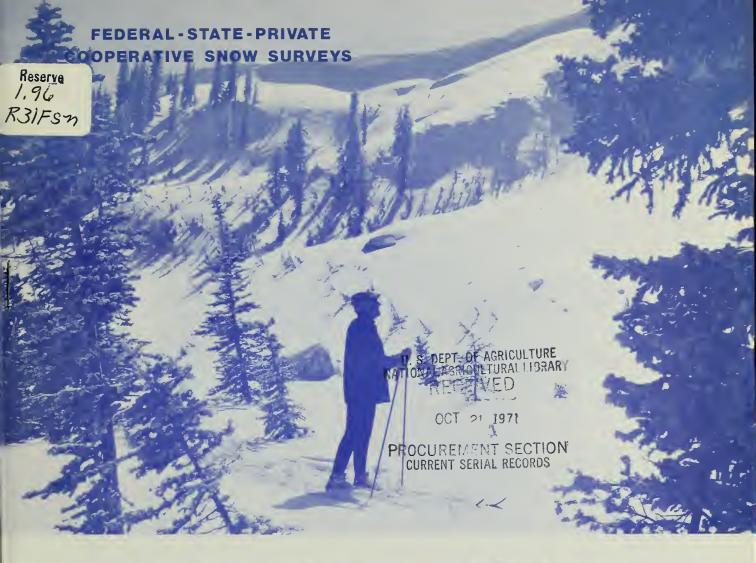
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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

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### TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snaw depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbis Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters of key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

### PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be abtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 209, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Copies of state and local reports may also be obtained from state offices of the Soil Conservation Service in the following states:

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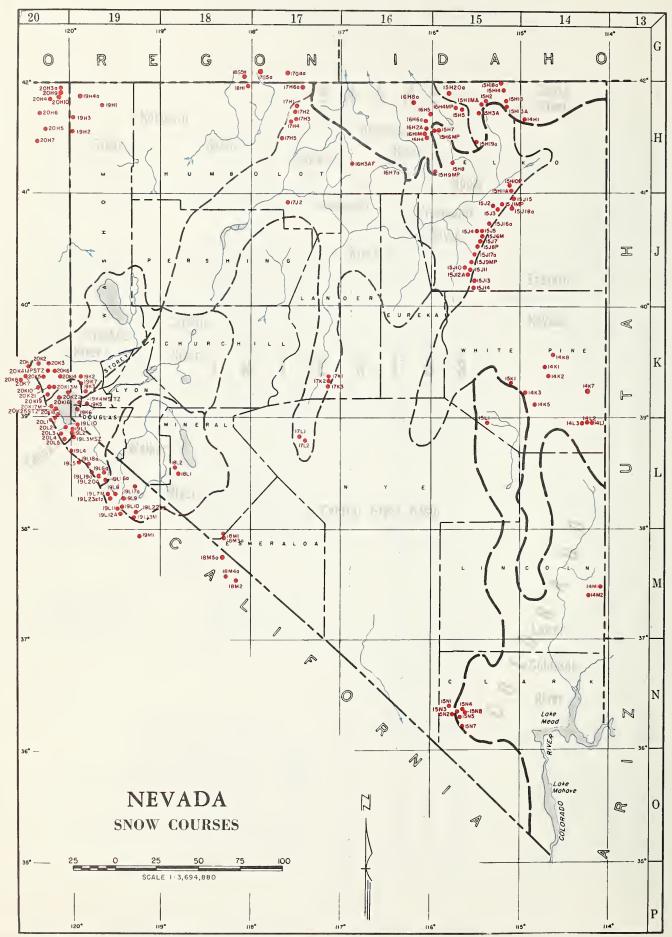
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Refer to the map on the following page for Snow Course locations .

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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, NEVADA'S 1971 WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REMAINS MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE. FIRST-OF-THE-MONTH SNOW SURVEYS INDICATE THAT MOST OF THE WATERSHEDS IMPORTANT TO NEVADA'S WATER SUPPLY GENERALLY HAVE ABOVE-AVERAGE SNOWPACK CONDITIONS. RESERVOIR-STORED WATER REMAINS EXCELLENT AT 150 PERCENT OF THE USUAL QUANTITY CONTAINED ON THIS DATE. MOUNTAIN SOIL MOISTURE INCREASED SINCE LAST MONTH, AND MOST AREAS ARE INDICATING NEAR NORMAL SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS.

Snow surveys taken near February 1 indicate that most of the mountain watersheds did not receive the normal snowfall expected during January. This, in part, was due to the very warm widespread mid-January storm. This general rain storm came in two parts. The first soaked into the top one foot of the snowpack and froze. The following rain ran off of the snow surface without soaking in, and in many cases eroded gulleys in the snowpack.

The snowpack in the Tahoe-Truckee Basin currently is 157 percent of average for this date. Many of the snow courses in this basin currently have more snow than normally is expected by April 1. The mountain snowpack usually accumulates to its deepest depth near April 1.

The above-average snowpack, coupled with excellent reservoir storage and near-average mountain soil moisture, will produce better-than-average water supplies in the Tahoe-Truckee Basin this coming year.

The snowpack in the Carson and Walker drainages is somewhat less than the Truckee snowpack, but it is still above normal at 135 percent. These basins, similarly, have good carryover storage in the Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport reservoirs, and water users should have a good water supply again this season.



The February 1 surveys indicate that the snowpack in the Humboldt drainage is currently only slightly above average at 110 percent. Most of the snowpack on the ground in the valleys and the south- and east-facing mountain slopes, as of January 1, melted and ran off during the mid-month storm. The remaining near-average snowpack and soil moisture conditions indicate water users along the Humboldt and its major tributaries will have another good irrigation season this year.

Water users in the Lower Humboldt, below Rye Patch Reservoir, are in excellent shape again this season. Rye Patch Reservoir currently has 166,000 acre-feet of stored water, which is near the usable capacity. This storage, plus near-normal streamflow, will insure a good irrigation supply this summer in the Lovelock area.

Water users in the Owyhee River drainage can look forward to excellent irrigation water prospects this year. The Owyhee River is predicted to flow between 130 and 140 percent of average.

A few areas of the state will need to have at least normal or above-normal snowfall for the remaining two months of the snow season to insure adequate water supplies this summer. Specifically, these areas include the Surprise Valley area in the Northern Great Basin and the Fish Lake Valley area in the Central Great Basin.





# STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: February 1, 1971

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1953-67 period.

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, Nevada 1/	April-July	21	131	16
Owyhee River near Owyhee, Nevada 1/	April-July	85	141	60
Humboldt River at Palisade, Nevada	April-July	175	113	154
West Walker below Little Walker River near Coleville, California	April-July	178	125	143
Virgin River at Virgin, Utah	April-June	45	118	38

Corrected for storage



PEAK FLOWS (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND	FEET)
TORCONST PONY	Forecast Range	Average +

Peak-flow forecasts not issued until March 1, 1971.

# FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Streum Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
Low-flow forecast not issued until March 1, 1971.			

# SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS

	Profile	(Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
STATION	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average †	
OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN						
Big Bend	48	16.7	1/27	15.2	15.6*	
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	1/27	7.5	10.7*	
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	1/27	12.5	13.4*	
TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN						
Hagans Meadow	36	3.7	1/28	2.9	_	
Independence Camp	34	6.1	1/27	7.2	5.4*	
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	1/27	2.2	3.4 *	
Ward Creek	49	5.8	1/29	4.5	5.7*	
WALKER BASIN						
Sonora Pass	48	8.3	1/26	8.0	8.2*	
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	1/25	2.1	-	
* Adjusted average						



RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of February 1, 1971

		Usable		Usable Storage	
Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Capacity	This Year	Last Year	Average
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	42	3	13
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	179	166	160	67
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,624	1,648	1,675
Colorado	Mead	27,217	16,801	16,890	16,600
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	551	700	397
Truckee	Boca	41	32	28	7
Truckee	Stampede	220	99	53	<del>* *</del>
Truckee	Prosser ***	30	9	10	8 *
Carson	Lahontan	286	213	267	173
West Walker	Topaz	59	37	55	32
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	31	39	26
*** Flood control	age. August 1, 1969. use allocation of November 1 and A				

# TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

монтн	This Year	Last Year	Average +
October 1	936	999	656
January 1	1,026	1,062	660
February 1	1,072	1,255	715
March 1	200 Television (1995)	1,206	768
April 1	Barrier Committee	1,182	839
May 1		1,167	890

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet.

TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1,411

+ 1953-1967 period.



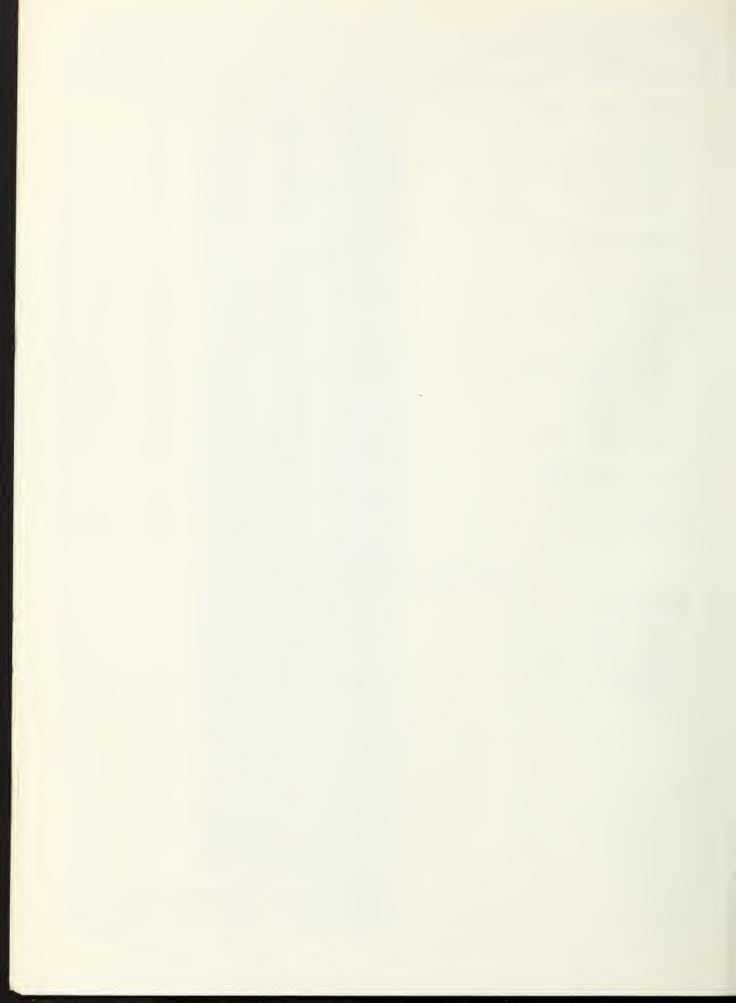
DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		1	THIS YEAR	PAST RECORD Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average
SNAKE RIVER					
Bear Creek	1/28	7.8	17.6a	15 25	11.3
Goat Creek	1/20	71	18.4	13.5a	
Hummingbird Springs	1/30	)± 6.2	23.6	17.0a	
Merritt Mountain	4/20	141	2 82	17.0a	
	1/4/	10	2.8a	J. 98.	100
Pole Creek Ranger Station	1/30	49	18.0	10.7	10.8
Red Point 76 Creek	1/20	14	4.4a	0.0a	6.4
Stag Mountain	1/27		9.2a 3.5a		
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DWYHEE RIVER					
Big Bend	1/27	25	7.8	7.0a	
Columbia Basin	1/27	18	5.6a	8.3a	
Fawn Creek	1/27	0	0.0a	4.2a	
Gold Creek	- 1/27	16	5.6a 0.0a 5,0	4.4	3.6
Jack Creek, Upper	1/27	1.1	3.5	5.2a	
Laurel Draw	1/29	11	3.7	6.1	
Taylor Canyon	1/27	12	3.6	3.4	3.6
PPER HUMBOLDT RIVER					
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Corral Canyon	1/27	īĹ	4.4a 4.0a	12.2a	_
Fry Canyon	1/27	73	4.1	5.4	4.7
Lamoille #1			7.6		
Lamoille #2	1/20	111		5.5	
Lamoille #3	1/29	25	8.6		7.5
Lamoille #4		42	15.0	13.8	
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Pole Canyon	1/27		3.5a		10.4
Robinson Lake	Est.		10.0a	31.3a	_
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Tremewan Ranch	1/27	1	0.1	Tr	1.2
Trout Creek, Upper	1/27	15	4 5a	12 6a	
Tent Mountain, Lower	1/27	45	1.3 0.1 4.5a 15.3a	36.7a	-
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Granite Peak	1/28	31	15.4	17.2	0.3
Martin Creek	1/22	19	7.3 0.0a 3.6	1 /10	5.7
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ASTERN NEVADA					
Baker #3	1/26	24	6.7a 12.9a 4.8	9.3a	-
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Murray Summit	1/27	19	4.8	***	_
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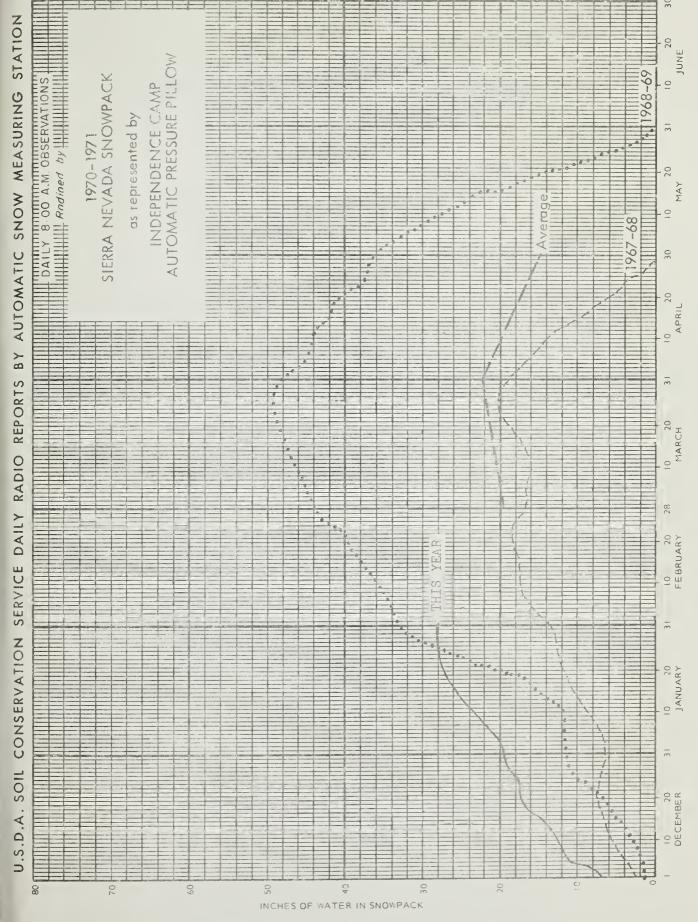


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	/27		25.6		-
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ORAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR		PAST RECORD  Water Content (inches)		
NAME	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average	
ENTRAL GREAT BASIN						
Campito Mountain	2/02	0 0 0	0.0	-	3.5	
Chiatovich Flat	1/27	0	0.0a	1.5a	-	
Montgomery Pass	1/29	0	0.0	0.0		
Pinchot Creek	1/27	0.1	0.0a	0.0a		
Piute Pass	1/27	0	0,0a	0.5a	3.1	
NORTHERN GREAT BASIN						
Barber Creek	1/28	20	8.2	8.4	6.9	
Cedar Pass	2/01	36 0 30	12.5	12.6	9.1	
Denio Creek	1/27	0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
Dismal Swamp	1/28	30	12.0a	11.0a	9.1	
49 Mountain	1/28 1/28	0.	0.0 1.6	1.1	3.2	
Hays Canyon	1/28	3	1.6	1.6	2.7	
Little Bally Mountain	1/28 1/27	0	0.0a 0.0a	1.3a		
Louse Canyon	1/27	0	0.0a	1.8a	2.0	
Oregon Canyon	1/27	0	0.0a	3.4a		
Quinn Ridge	1/27 1/27	0	0.0a	Tr	1.6	
Reservation Creek	1/29	21	8.0	7.9	7.3	
Trout Creek	1/27	0	0.0a	5.0a	3.7	
OWER COLORADO RIVER						
Mathew Canyon	2/01	1	0.5	0.0		
Pine Canyon	2/01	1 5	0.5 2.4	0.0		
Delayed I	ata for Januar	у 1, 197	1			
SNAKE RIVER						
Bear Creek	12/30	36	11.0a			
Goat Creek	12/30	35	9.2a			
Hummingbird Springs	12/30	37	11.3a			
Red Point	12/30	13	4.0a			
76 Creek	12/30	24	7.1a			
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